

Prospects for business greatly improved with money in the community. A Judge Carter from Fort Bridger, who had the grain contract for certain stations of the



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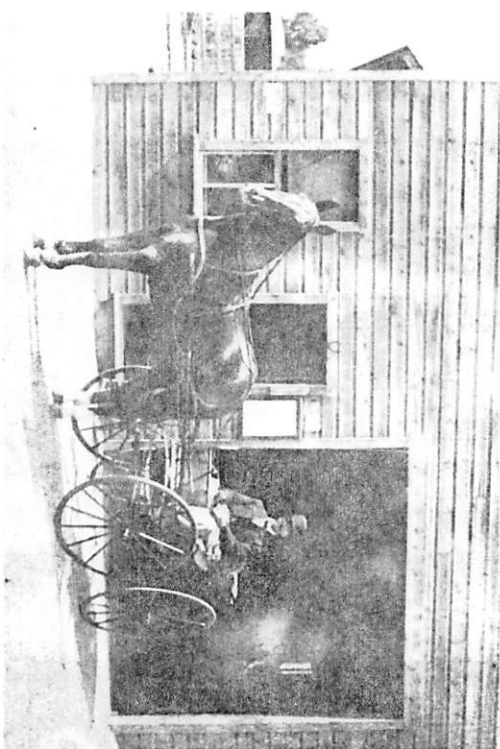
overland mail, opened a store in Phillip Smith's log cabin in Heber. His wagons brought goods and supplies into the county and carried away grain. Shortly thereafter, he erected a building to accommodate the expanding business. Louis Reggel and Jake Harris of Salt Lake City sensed the opportunity and soon were selling goods in John Galliger's log cabin on Main Street. Reggel later sold out to Harris, who continued the business for some time.⁵

In 1867 Abram Hatch, the new President of the Wasatch Stake, arrived from Lehi and entered the business scene. He had closed his Lehi store, loaded his goods

⁵*Ibid.*

into three wagons, and after an exasperating, work-filled journey over muddy winter roads, arrived in the valley on December 11. After searching for a location he rented a building owned by Moses Cluff. One year later he had finished his home on Main Street; and then his stock was moved to the south room of that building, which served as his store. Both his wife, Permelia and his son, Joseph, worked in the store, and Joseph soon became the manager of one of Wasatch County's first permanent business institutions.

The income from raising grain for the stagecoach was seriously menaced in 1868-69 when a plague of grasshoppers ate most of the crops. Fortunately, it was also at this time that the Union Pacific railroad entered Utah; and most of the men in the county found work with their teams on the grading being done in Echo and Weber Canyons.



Wasatch Livery and Feed Stable. Built in 1892 by A. M. and James S. Murdock. Frank Carille sitting in the buggy.

